

each of said at least one pockets have a cross-sectional area of about 25% to 75 % the cross-sectional area of the circular envelope of the twisted-pair cable to be placed in said at least one pockets.

In the Specification

The paragraphs of the specification which have been amended are shown below. A copy of the paragraphs showing the insertions and deletions is attached.

At page 1, before the field of the invention section, add as a new first paragraph, the following:

The present application is a continuation of application 09/452,702 filed December 2, 1999, now Patent 6,297,454 B1.

At page 4, line 5, the second paragraph should be amended to read as follows:

Referring to FIGURES 1 and 2, my elongated separator spline 20 has along its cross-sectional plane a major axis 21 and a minor axis 22. In the preferred embodiment, the minor axis 22 is perpendicular to the major axis 21. The preferred elongated separator spline 20 is shown with four cable pockets 23, 24, 26, and 27. Other oval configurations could have more or less pockets. The pockets 23 and 24 are on the major axis 21 and pockets 27 and 26 are on the minor axis 22. In a preferred embodiment, pockets 23 and 24 have the same cross-sectional area as each other and pockets 26 and 27 have the same cross-sectional area as each other. If desired, they can all have the same cross-sectional area. The cross-sectional area of the pockets are shown in FIGURE 3. These are indicated by the shaded areas 28 and 29.

Remarks

The below remarks demonstrate that Applicant has addressed each of the